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BOYS' WHITE, KHAKI and COLOURED COTTON HATS, now only 19c. each.
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HENRY BLAIR.

Evening Telegram

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FRIDAY, Aug. 17th, 1917.

What We Have Come To!

A crisis threatens Newfoundland, if it does not already hold it. On the issue depends the future of our country, political and economic. Yesterday's proceedings in the House of Assembly reveal plainly an intention upon the part of the Government which is to say Sir Edward Morris and Mr. Coaker—their dummy tools need not concern us) not merely to force through the new profits tax in its rejected form but to change the whole constitutional fabric of the government of this Colony. Behind this intention there lurks a far deeper and more sinister purpose, which it is time the whole country knew. Sir Edward Morris and Mr. Coaker are working for Confederation with Canada. That is the key-stone of their monstrous alliance. But stepping stones must be made towards this delectable prospect. A prosperous Newfoundland means an independent Newfoundland; confederation will never come while times are good. While this delightful pair secretly pray for bad times and financial disaster, which fate unkindly denies them, they do what they can to hasten themselves. The Profits Tax Bill was an attempt in that direction, a clumsy design to dislocate the commercial machinery so that it would collapse under the reaction that is inevitable some day, and we would be forced, a begared suitor, to approach the Dominion. The impudent measure that will be introduced to-day or on Monday is a longer step in the same direction. If the rejection of the Profits Tax can be made a handle for depriving the Council of its constitutional powers and reducing it to the level and impotence of a mere debating society, a great barrier will have been removed. The Morris-Coaker combination will then only have to deal with one House to manipulate matters as they wish, with a number of men, that is, lacking the intelligence even to understand the game of which they are being made the ridiculous pawns. Fortunately, there is not the remotest chance of the attempt succeeding. There is no need to dwell upon yesterday's debates in both chambers or the speeches either written out or inspired for the speakers. Since, however, the Profits Tax is the source of the session itself, we will notice briefly the attempts still made to misrepresent the essence of the dispute between the two Houses. The Councilors who reject the Bill waited their objections to every one of the defects of the measure, flagrant and ridiculous

though they were, but resolutely opposed the one iniquitous discrimination contained, and purposely inserted, in it. That discrimination is defended by Mr. Higgins on the ground that other discriminations are made in all directions! A profound reason and excuse! Two wrongs apparently make a right. Because circumstances compel unavoidable discriminations elsewhere, an avoidable and deliberate injustice is perpetrated here! An then it is made to appear that the injustice is objected to because it is a discrimination between the rich man and the poor man, between wealth and poverty. It is utterly and hypocritically false. All the Councilors who objected made it plain that the basis of their objections was the discrimination made between two businesses absolutely and identically equal in every respect except the manner in which their capital is held. It is not a question of rich and poor. A firm, whether it is worth \$10,000 or \$1,000,000, is made to pay far more than another firm worth exactly the same amount and making exactly the same profit. That and nothing else is what the Council protest against.

The News calls it all a storm in a teacup. That may be, but it was nevertheless a storm which at one time threatened to break up the "National" Government. The first Bill did not contain the discrimination noted. Why was that Bill withdrawn and the discrimination introduced into the second measure before it went to the Council at all? Simply because certain members of the Government wanted an advantage over their business competitors and threatened a split in the fine combination if it was not given them. And that is why the Government obstinately refuse to redress the wrong, to still the "storm in a teacup" and restore absolute harmony between the two Houses.

The Profits Tax Bill, however, and whatever may happen to it is of minor importance beside the constitutional question about to be deliberately raised by the Government. We have lately discussed that question at some length, but dropped the discussion, considering it of more academic than practical interest. It is now brought to the fore as an issue of fundamental importance. We note that the Advocate has joined in the debate against us, though the only impression arguments leave upon us is one of wonderment that any paper can fill so much space with a narrative of facts which no one disputes or wants to dispute. The conclusions it draws from them, however, we do dispute as being entirely at variance with the facts themselves. It endeavours to show that the House of Lords was shorn of its power because it rejected the Government budget. That is quite incorrect. The right of the Lords to reject the budget was never questioned; had they behaved themselves they would now be still in possession of it. Their unpardonable offence, the offence which merited the punishment it received and alienated all sympathy from them, was their obstinate refusal to bow to the will of the people. That will was expressed not once but twice and in unmistakable tones. If any parallel at all exists here with that

Reid's Boats.

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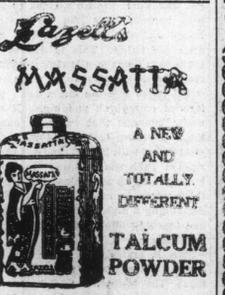
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